

Coastal Round Walk 05 – Holywell Bay, Ellenglaze, West Pentire - 6.25 miles

Route Directions – Full GPS Version

Holywell Bay Car Park to Trevornick Holiday Park – A wooded valley and fields – 1.49 miles

Start at NT Car Park, Holywell Bay at 76690/58763. Go R on the road, passing St. Piran's Inn on L, to the pedestrian entrance to Holywell Bay holiday park. Go R on the tarmac lane (*Coast Path sign, inland Gear Sands, Perranporth*) passing a board (*FP Cubert and Ellenglaze*). At 77095/58302, after a sign (*FP Cubert and Ellenglaze*), fork R on to a path through scrubby woodland, passing a Coast Path WM. Path continues until FP Gold WM on R at 77440/57743 at 0.93 miles. Go L on a metalled track for 100 yards to 77509/57768 at 0.97 miles, where go L to a wooden gate (*WM Gold Path Trevornick*). Go through the kissing gate on L to follow RH hedge N uphill fairly steeply, passing Ellenglaze Manor on your R. At the top of the field at 77499/58074 at 1.17 miles, go through a galvanised gate (*WM*) into the 2nd field and follow RH hedge uphill. At the top of this field, at 77504/58366 at 1.35 miles, go through gap into 3rd field and continue, following RH hedge. At 77516/58393, go through the gap on R and continue on a broad grassy track NNE, following WM, along LH hedge downhill. At the bottom, go through gate to road at 77569/58579 at 1.49 miles.

Trevornick to West Pentire – Cross Country, some on Open Access land – 1.60 miles

Cross road into Holiday Park, down tarmac path, through gate, through covered way, and across Stables Café courtyard. Continue, Farm Shop on R, Amusements and Bowling on L, to follow track to site road at 77592/58736 at 1.59 miles. Over pedestrian crossing and continue on track NNE, down to a small fishing lake on L at 77630/58836 at 1.66 miles. *For detour to Holy Well, turn L here, along N side of the lake to find a tarmac track to the lower pond and holy well.* Continue NNE on track to open wooden gate at 77647/58874 at 1.68 miles. Ignore gate and go R through gap and L on path NNE uphill between banks, with golf course on L. At 77737/59917 at 1.87 miles, go through gate. In 25 yards, go through 2nd gate. In 40 yards at 77744/59161 at 1.91 miles, go through gate on R. Go L on a track to Lewannick Farm, cross the tarmac yard and go through wooden gate at 77864/59304 at 2.03 miles. Go L on narrow crossing path (*WM*) between hedges and, at 77820/59383 at 2.09 miles, go through a wooden gate into the open ground of The Kelseys (*Open Access*). (*Here a path goes L uphill towards Holywell Bay*) Follow the RH hedge and fence, downhill (*Porth Joke in view*) to where the fence turns R at the meeting of 5 grassy tracks at 77751/59570 at 2.23 miles. Follow the track with a small ravine to its L, downhill. At a WM at 77700/59688 at 2.31 miles, join a byway track which continues down towards camp site and CP. (*At campsite, path goes L to Porth Joke*) Where track bears round R at 77765/59980 at 2.52 miles, go L through kissing gate (*may be muddy*) and follow a narrow path, with Treago Mill House on R. At 77720/60025 at 2.56 miles, cross a wooden FB, to continue uphill for 30 yards. At 77715/60046 at 2.57 miles go L on a track, winding uphill fairly steeply at first, levelling off towards West Pentire. At 77619/60547 at 2.99 miles, pass CP and toilets (*closed 2010*) on your R. Continue on tarmac lane down to T at 77635/60611 at 3.03 miles. (*Here a track goes L to Porth Joke and a short cut to the Coast Path at Vugga Cove*) Go R on the lane, passing West Pentire Manor House on your L, and L on the crossing lane to the Bowgie Inn at 77659/60688 at 3.09 miles.

West Pentire to Holywell Bay – on the Coast Path – 3.14 miles

Go down through RH side of car park and follow RH hedge downhill, then 10 steps down to go L on Coast Path (*WM*) at 77664/60798 at 3.16 miles. (*View across Crantock Beach and Gannel Estuary to Pentire Point East*). The path now undulates, down to 35 feet and up to 135 feet on the way to Pentire Point West and Porth Joke. Cross back of beach and begin a fairly steady climb, with undulations, up to Kelsey Head and a Cliff Castle and on up to 175 feet. *Views open up ahead to Holywell Bay, Gull Rocks and Penhale Point and on to Godrevy and West Penwith.* Path now undulates, then descends easily through one kissing gate to a second kissing gate where the dunes proper begin. From here there is no clear and obvious route. Probably best to stay just W of S, to RH side of a big dune hummock. At 76739/59579 at 5.58 miles, pass steps on your R for route down to beach. *This would be an alternative route but you might have to cross a stream, 1 foot deep sometimes.* Bear gradually S then SSE. In due course, choice of paths appears ahead below. The L goes SE to Holywell village. The centre is a dead end. Rightish goes SSE to St. Piran's Inn and the NT car park. R goes W to the beach. Head down off dunes and follow the rightish path back to Holywell Bay Car Park at 6.25 miles.

Shorter Options

- Omit Ellenglaze and Trevornick. Continue past Holywell Bay holiday park pedestrian entrance. Turn L on lane passing shops. Use a FB over the stream and go R NE along the edge of the dunes to follow a path (*WM*) up onto The Kelseys to rejoin the full walk at approximately 77820/59383. Reduces walk by 1.25 miles to 5.00 miles.
- Omit West Pentire village and West Pentire Point. At the T at the beginning of West Pentire at a T at 77635/60611, turn L following a sign to Porth Joke on first a track and then a FP. Reduces walk by 0.75 miles to 5.50 miles.
- Combine the two to reduce by 2 miles to 4.25 miles.

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